

Kyle Academy Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 6 June 2023

Present: M Byrne, S Cooper, M Cusick, A D'Amico, M Ford, C McClung, K McHarg, R Rodger

Chair: M Cusick

1. Minutes of last Parent Council meeting

Minutes proposed and seconded.

2. Head Teacher's Report – M Byrne

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

3. Update from SAC Parent Council Chairs meeting

- Parent Portal will be introduced next session which will mean a move to online data forms
- Young Carers lead is Claire Flannigan. She outlined the benefits and supports available to young carers which include tutoring and costs met for initiative like Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- SAC will be launching its Reading Strategy next session – South Ayrshire Reads. This is led by Sally Law
- Vacancy for SAC Co-convenors chair has opened up – anyone interested contact M Ford
- National Parent Forum for Scotland will be involved in review of SQA and qualifications – they will represent parent voice in educational reform

4. Update from D of E meeting

L McAndlish will continue to work with the school to organise and lead DofE expeditions and support pupils to complete the other elements of the award. The school will employ her on a part time basis. LMc has very positive relationships with Kyle pupils. Offer from D Sturgeon's team at Thriving Communities is still to be agreed.

5. Future of Awards Ceremony

Discussion took place about a more equitable approach to celebrating the achievements and academic success of our young people. MB suggested the current format of the Awards Ceremony excludes a significant proportion of the school community and suggests the school values these young people above others. There was a consensus from those present that recognising academic excellence is important. Suggestions included holding two awards nights – S1 to S3 and Seniors; including a range of other awards, compiling a video of award winners so that everyone can celebrate. A working group will be set up next year to plan for 2024.

6. AOCB

MB thanked the Parent Council for their contribution and support this year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 29 August in school

